GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Dietary Nutrition in Rural Areas
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government proposes to formulate a plan/has formulated a plan to improve the dietary nutrition particularly in the rural areas of various States/UTs;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UTwise including Bihar, Odisha and Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) the steps taken in this regard?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)

(a) to (c): The Government has accorded high priority to the issue of malnutrition and is implementing several schemes/programmes of different Ministries/Departments through State Governments/UT administrations including in Bihar, Odisha and Uttar Pradesh.
The Ministry of Women & Child Development is implementing Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme, 'Rajiv Gandhi Scheme for Empowerment of Adolescent Girls (RGSEAG)−'Sabla', and Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahyog Yojana (IGMSY) as direct targeted interventions through-out the country to improve nutritional status of women & children.

Additionally, the Food and Nutrition Board of the Ministry of WCD, through its regional field units, is engaged in conducting training programmes in nutrition, in addition to advocacy towards generating awareness through nutrition education programmes on the importance of healthy balanced diets especially through the use of locally available foods, mass awareness campaigns and use of electronic and print media. All these schemes have potential to address one or other aspect related to Nutrition including in rural areas.

Under National Health Mission of the Ministry of Health & FW, Nutrition Rehabilitation Centres (NRC) have been established for treatment, nutritional rehabilitation and nutritional counselling of Severely Acute malnourished children having medical complication. There are 38 NRCs in Bihar, 45 in Odisha & 60 in Uttar Pradesh. Nutrition education for women and adolescents along with promotion of infant and young child feeding practices is also done at monthly Village and Nutrition Days (VHND) in rural areas across the country, including Bihar, Odisha & Uttar Pradesh.